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3. Each expert witness designated by a party shall prepare a written report to be provided to all other parties **no later than** September 30, 2008, containing the information required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(A) and (B).

Except as provided in paragraph 4, below, any party that fails to make these disclosures shall <u>not</u>, absent substantial justification, be permitted to use evidence or testimony not disclosed at any hearing or at the time of trial. In addition, the Court may impose sanctions as permitted by Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(c).

- 4. Any party, through any expert designated, shall in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(C) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e), supplement any of its expert reports regarding evidence intended solely to contradict or rebut evidence on the same subject matter identified in an expert report submitted by another party. Any such supplemental reports are due on or before October 30, 2008.
- 5. <u>All</u> discovery, including expert discovery, shall be completed on or before <u>December 30</u>, 2008.

"Completed" means that all discovery under Rules 30-36 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure must be initiated a sufficient period of time in advance of the cut-off date, so *that it may be completed* by the cut-off date, taking into account the times for services, notice, and response as set forth in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. All disputes concerning discovery shall be brought to the attention of the Magistrate Judge no later than thirty (30) days following the date upon which the event giving rise to the discovery dispute occurred. Counsel shall meet and confer pursuant to the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 and Local Rule 26.1(a).

6. All motions, other than motions to amend or join parties, or motions in limine, **SHALL BE FILED** on or before January 30, 2009.<sup>1</sup>

Motions will not be heard or calendared unless counsel for the moving party has obtained a motion hearing date from the law clerk of the judge who will hear the motion. Be advised that the parties must file their moving papers within three (3) days of receiving the motion hearing date from the Court. Be further advised that the period of time between the date you request a motion

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Counsel should note that while historically motion cut-off deadlines issued by this Court were deadlines for motion hearings, the motion cut-off dates now being issued establish deadlines for the parties to file motions.

date and the hearing date may be up to six weeks. Please plan accordingly. For example, you may need to contact the judge's law clerk at least six weeks in advance of the motion cut-off to calendar the motion. Failure of counsel to timely request a motion date may result in the motion not being heard.

Motions will not be heard on the above date unless you have obtained that date in advance from the judge's law clerk.

- 7. Briefs or memoranda in support of or in opposition to any pending motion shall not exceed twenty-five (25) pages in length without permission of the judge or magistrate judge who will hear the motion. No reply memorandum shall exceed ten (10) pages without leave of the judge or magistrate judge who will hear the motion.
- 8. Parties or their counsel shall serve on each other and file with the Clerk of the Court their Memoranda of Contentions of Fact and Law in compliance with Local Rule 16.1(f)(2) on or before April 2, 2009.
- 9. All parties or their counsel shall also fully comply with the Pretrial Disclosure requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) on or before <u>April 2, 2009</u>. **Failure to comply with these disclosures** requirements could result in evidence preclusion or other sanctions under Fed. R. Civ. P. 37.
- 10. Counsel shall meet together and take the action required by Local Rule 16.1(f)(4) on or before April 9, 2009. At this meeting, counsel shall discuss and attempt to enter into stipulations and agreements resulting in simplification of the triable issues. Counsel shall exchange copies and/or display all exhibits other than those to be used for impeachment. The exhibits shall be prepared in accordance with Local Rule 16.1(f)(4)(c). Counsel shall note any objections they have to any other parties' Pretrial Disclosures under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3). Counsel shall cooperate in the preparation of the proposed pretrial conference order.
- 11. The proposed final pretrial conference order, including objections they have to any other parties' Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) Pretrial Disclosures shall be prepared, served and lodged with the Clerk of the Court on or before <u>April 16, 2009</u>, and shall be in the form prescribed in and in compliance with Local Rule 16.1 (f)(6). Counsel shall also bring a court copy of the pretrial order to the pretrial conference.

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12. The final pretrial conference shall be held before the Honorable Janis L. Sammartino, United States District Court Judge, on <u>April 23, 2009</u>, at <u>1:30 PM</u>.

- 13. The dates and times set forth herein will not be further modified except for good cause shown.
- 14. Plaintiff's counsel shall serve a copy of this order on all parties that enter this case hereafter.

DATED: August 13, 2008

Hon. Leo S. Papas U.S. Magistrate Judge

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